

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) An anode material for a secondary battery which is used for an anode in a non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery having at least the anode, a cathode and a lithium-ion conducting non-aqueous electrolyte, comprising an Si oxide and at least one noble metal.
2. (original) The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 1, wherein when the Si oxide is expressed in SiO_z , $0.8 \leq z \leq 2$.
3. (original) An anode material for a secondary battery which is used for an anode in a non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery having at least the anode, a cathode and a lithium-ion conducting non-aqueous electrolyte, comprising a lithium silicate and at least one noble metal.
4. (original) The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 3, wherein when the lithium silicate is expressed in Li_xSiO_y , $0 < x$ and $0 < y \leq 4$.
5. (currently amended) The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 4~~Claim 1, further comprising lithium metal.

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6. (currently amended) The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed Claim 1 in ~~any of Claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the noble metal is at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Pd, Ag, Pt, Au, Rh, Ir, Ru, Os and Re.

7. (currently amended) The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any of Claims 1 to 6~~, wherein when a ratio of Si atoms to noble-metal atoms is expressed in a:b, $0.01 < b/a$.

8. (currently amended) The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1, partially or wholly having an amorphous structure.

9. (currently amended) An anode for a secondary battery, comprising an activator layer having a film-structure anode activator which comprises the anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any of Claims 1 to 8~~ on at least one side of an anode collector.

10. (original) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the activator layer is formed by a vacuum film-forming method.

11. (original) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the vacuum film-forming method is CVD, vacuum deposition or sputtering.

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12. (currently amended) An anode for a secondary battery, comprising an activator layer having a particulate-structure anode activator which comprises the anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 1~~any of Claims 1 to 8~~ on at least one side of an anode collector.

13. (original) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the anode activator is formed by mechanical processing.

14. (original) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the anode activator is formed by a vacuum film-forming method.

15. (original) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the vacuum film-forming method is CVD, vacuum deposition or sputtering.

16. (currently amended) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 12~~any of Claims 12 to 15~~, wherein the anode activator is further heat-treated.

17. (currently amended) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 9~~any of Claims 9 to 16~~, wherein a center-line average roughness (Ra) of the anode collector is 1/10 or more of a thickness of the anode collector.

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24. (new) The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 3, partially or wholly having an amorphous structure.

25. (new) An anode for a secondary battery, comprising an activator layer having a film-structure anode activator which comprises the anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 3 on at least one side of an anode collector.

26. (new) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 25, wherein the activator layer is formed by a vacuum film-forming method.

27. (new) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 26, wherein the vacuum film-forming method is CVD, vacuum deposition or sputtering.

28. (new) An anode for a secondary battery, comprising an activator layer having a particulate-structure anode activator which comprises the anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 3 on at least one side of an anode collector.

29. (new) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 28, wherein the anode activator is formed by mechanical processing.

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30. (new) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 28, wherein the anode activator is formed by a vacuum film-forming method.

31. (new) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the vacuum film-forming method is CVD, vacuum deposition or sputtering.

32. (new) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 28, wherein the anode activator is further heat-treated.

33. (new) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 25, wherein a center-line average roughness (Ra) of the anode collector is 1/10 or more of a thickness of the anode collector.

34. (new) A non-aqueous electrolytic-solution secondary battery comprising the anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 25.

35. (new) The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 28, wherein a center-line average roughness (Ra) of the anode collector is 1/10 or more of a thickness of the anode collector.

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36. (new) A non-aqueous electrolytic-solution secondary battery comprising the anode
for a secondary battery as claimed in Claim 28.